

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1424
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Johnny Fred Coleman
for his meritorious service to the citizens of
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Johnny Fred Coleman, who on February 15, 2006, was inducted as the 2006 President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association (TRBA) at the organization's annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Overton County where he still resides, Johnny Coleman is the founder of Mid-State Construction Company, which has grown to employ over 100 people with offices in Livingston and Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, this native Tennessean who attended Tennessee Technological University and studied business management, first began his career in the construction industry in 1962, delivering explosives to coal mines for Austin Powder Company before launching his own business, Mid-State Concrete Pipe Company in 1966, a company he would own until the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, establishing Mid-State Construction Company in 1976 primarily as a bridge construction operation, Mr. Coleman has diversified the company over the years to include operations in commercial and industrial construction, blast hole rock quarry drilling, geothermal drilling and installation, and miscellaneous utility construction; and

WHEREAS, a savvy, competent, and industrious businessman, Johnny Coleman has also dedicated these very traits to the TRBA, serving in numerous capacities throughout his

tenure with the organization; he was a member of the PAC Committee for seven years and on the TRBA Board for five years; he has rendered sterling service as the First Vice President, Second Vice President & Treasurer, the Third Vice President, and the Chairman of the Bridge & Concrete Division; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by his peers and colleagues within the road building profession, Mr. Coleman is a member of the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) Contractors Division Board of Directors and the ARTBA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Fred Coleman is an active member of his community, serving on boards and committees with his local bank, chamber of commerce, and church; and

WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman who enjoys both hunting and fishing, Johnny Coleman was appointed as a commissioner of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency by Governor Phil Bredesen in 2005; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Coleman is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Carol, and their three children and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Coleman epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Coleman for his dedication to the road building industry and making this State's exemplary highway system even better; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Johnny Fred Coleman on his election and recent induction as the 2006 President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association, honor and commend him for his meritorious service to the transportation needs of his fellow Tennesseans, and extend to him our best wishes for every success during his Presidency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

